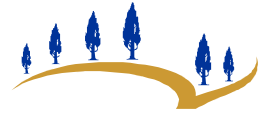


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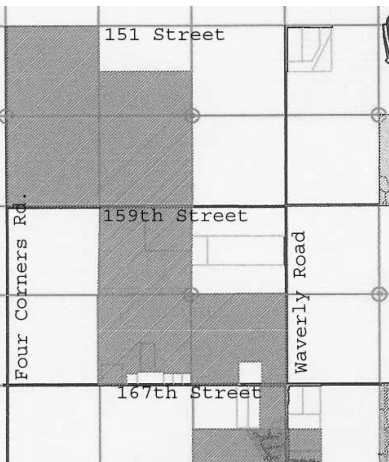
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Gardner's Ground Breaking in the Northwest

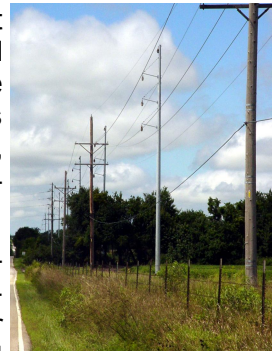
Taking a drive north on Waverly Road from Gardner Edgerton High School leads to open land at 167th Street and Waverly Road; this will not be true for long. This fall, development will begin in Gardner's northwest area. In 2003 and 2004, Gardner annexed over 1300 acres-over half of that lies to the northwest of Waverly Road and 167th Street (see shaded area of map).

Two new developments in this area will bring approximately 610 new homes on 347 acres in the area between 167th Street and 159th Street in the Reserve at Kill Creek and Megan Valley Subdivisions. In the same area south of 159th Street, the Gardner Edgerton School District has begun site work for a middle school that will be located on the new Kill Creek Road that will be constructed this year parallel to Four Corners and Waverly Roads between 167th and 159th Streets. This roadway is also planned to eventually extend south toward 175th Street.



North of the school site, the City is prepar-

ing for its new Community Park at 159th and Kill Creek Road that will share athletic facilities with the neighboring middle school. This park site will host soccer, baseball, softball, and other passive recreation activities for the community.



Several other major public improvements are slated for the area, including a new million gallon water tower near 159th Street and Kill Creek Road. The Electric Substation 3 work has already begun with site grading. Poles for the transmission lines leading to the new substation are being set along Moonlight Road and 167th Street. Other major improvements to the area include:

- Installation of a waterline along Waverly Road and 167th Street
 - Improvements to bring 167th Street to a paved roadway
 - Construction of the new Kill Creek Road and construction of the waterline along Kill Creek Road
- Work on these projects is projected to begin in late September.

Other projects are anticipated in this area as well, including the construction of a third Public Safety Facility in 2008.

Second Public Safety Station Coming

The City Council approved the purchase of 2.25 acres of land for a second Public Safety Station to be located along 183rd Street east of South Center Street. This property is located to the west of the existing Gardner water tower, an excellent site to service southern Gardner. The construction of the new Public Safety facility is scheduled for next year.



How You Can Help the Victims of Katrina

Voluntary organizations are seeking cash donations to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina in Gulf Coast states. Cash donations are especially helpful to victims. They allow agencies to issue cash vouchers to victims so they can meet their needs. Donated money prevents the prohibitive cost of transportation that donated goods require, according to the Department of Homeland Security. For a list of responsible charitable organizations aiding in the response visit www.fema.gov/r/help2.shtm or www.gardnerkansas.com.



The Mayor's Message



Dear Residents,

On September 17th, Johnson County will be celebrating its sesquicentennial at Shawnee Mission Park. This will be a fun filled family event for everyone in Johnson County. What's hard to believe is that in March 2007, Gardner will be 150 years old! Gardner's heritage is derived from the great westward movement and the determination of our ancestors to find a home. Whether you've lived in Gardner all your life or are a new resident of our community, I'd like to take this opportunity to share some history with you.

Gardner Town Company was established March, 1857, and was named after Henry Gardner, the governor of Massachusetts from 1855 to 1858. Gardner's early prosperity as a growing community was enhanced by its unique location at the divide of the California, Santa Fe and Oregon Trails. In late 2006, Gardner will commemorate its place in history with the dedication of a national roadside exhibit on 56 Highway west of town that tells the story of the trails dividing just west of the community.

To learn more about our history, you must visit the Gardner Historical Museum, located at 204 West Main Street. Founded in 2002, it is rich with information and artifacts that make history come alive. Plan now to attend the Gardner Museum's annual dinner on Saturday, Oct. 15, and get ready to learn about Gardner's history through a unique style show --with models from the Gardner community! Access their website at www.gardnerhistory.org. The museum has hours during the week and on weekends for you and your family to learn more about Gardner.

It will be a privilege for our community and its residents to come together in 2007 to celebrate our heritage and our 150th Birthday Party! It's our hope that all of the civic organizations, churches and schools in our community will take part in Gardner's Sesquicentennial Celebration. The City of Gardner is starting the planning process for the event later this fall. Gardner's unique history is truly something to celebrate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Lehman".

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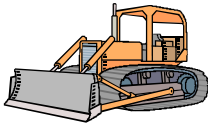
Public Improvements For 2005

Bull Creek Wastewater Plant Conversion

The City has hired a consultant to design the Lift Station for the Bull Creek Wastewater Treatment Site. The Bull Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant will be converted to a Lift Station that pumps to the Kill Creek Treatment Plant. The conversion is planned for construction in 2006.

North Center Street

This project is nearing completion. A trail, as well as landscaping, will be installed once the street construction is finished in September.



Stone Creek Drive and Lincoln Lane

Work is being done on the north portion of Stone Creek Drive to allow the residents of Aspen Apartments access to New Century Parkway. After this portion of the road is open to the public, the contractor will be working on the remainder of Stone Creek Drive and Lincoln Lane improvements. This project should be completed by the end of October.

Electric Line Rehabilitation Nears Completion

The South Main street circuit that proceeds from the alley at Elm Street on the eastside to the Big O tire repair shop has been rebuilt. City crews will work with property owners in the area to complete the new connections.

Runway Protection Zone Purchased Federal grant pays 90%

The eleven acres north of the Gardner Airport on 175th Street has been purchased as a runway protection zone for the safety of homeowners and pilots. The City was reimbursed \$217,000 from the Federal Aviation Administration. The land will remain open space and may eventually provide for trails linking various subdivisions in western Gardner.



National Fire Prevention Week - October 9-15, 2005

National Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred on October 9, 1871. Intending to observe the fire's anniversary with a serious commemoration, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (FMANA), the oldest membership section of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), decided that the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. The website of the National Fire Protection Association has information on fire prevention and other 'fast facts' regarding fire safety. The website is www.nfpa.org. Become aware of what you can do to protect your family against fire.

Need Assistance Getting Home Repairs? Do You Qualify?

Johnson County Housing Services provides the following minor home rehabilitation services to low-to-moderate income families.

These services include:

Plumbing, electrical, carpentry, air condition/furnace, handicap accessibility, as well as roofing and painting.



For more information contact:

Johnson County Housing Services
12425 W. 87th Street Parkway
Lenexa, Kansas 66215
913-715-6616 913-715-6633/TDD
913-715-6632 Fax

For manufactured homes, limited repairs apply.

Community Calendar

Month of September

The Gardner Museum will have an exhibit on Family History & Genealogy

Friday, September 9th

6 pm
Ribbon Cutting at
Stone Creek Park

Saturday, September 10th

11 am — 1 pm
Winwood Park
Neighborhood Park Party

Saturday, September 17th

11 am — 1 pm
Veterans Park
Neighborhood Park Party

Saturday, September 24th

4 pm — 9 pm
Bands in the Park at
Cornerstone Park
Amphitheatre

Saturday, October 15th

6:30 pm
Annual Pasta Dinner & Style
Show at GE High School
More information, call the
Museum at 856-4447

Monday, October 31st

7 pm — 9 pm
8th Annual Boo Bash
Johnson County Fair
Grounds

Saturday, November 6th

Community Health Fair
Watch for more details in the
November/December
Newsletter

KC Pet-Connect

There is a new non-profit organization in Kansas City called KC Pet-Connect.



Check it out!
www.kcpetconnect.com

Johnson County Celebrates 150 Years



Johnson County is celebrating its sesquicentennial on Saturday, September 17, with a countywide Community Festival from 10 am to 4 pm in The Theatre in the Park area of Shawnee Mission Park, 77th Street and Renner Road, in Shawnee. The event is free and

will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Johnson County Park and Recreation District.

The fun-filled, daylong festival celebration will feature activities for all ages, including a folk art festival, theatrical and musical performances, Civil War historic re-enactments, children's events, theatrical and musical performance, Civil War historic re-enactments, children's events, interactive programs, a vintage baseball game, a wide range of exhibits and demonstrations and other community presentations. In addition, the celebration will showcase booths offering activities, souvenirs and information from local not-for-profit organizations, historic groups and local governments. More information about the Community Festival is available on the county's website—www.jocoks150.org or by calling 913-715-0441.

Schedule of Public Meetings **(120 E. Main Street)**

City Council Regular Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session

2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Regular Meetings

2nd Monday of the month
at 8:00 p.m. and 4th Monday
of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Gardner Municipal Court

2nd Tuesday of the month,
the Wednesday following the
2nd Tuesday and the
4th Wednesday of the month
(All court sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)

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